

Government Simplification & Operations Committee

Boards and Commission Elimination and Consolidation Recommendations Submitted for Consideration

The Commonwealth of Virginia currently has 360 boards, commissions, and authorities to which the Governor makes appointments. These are the advisory, regulatory, and policy-making boards of Virginia. There are approximately 4,250 total citizens who are appointed by the Governor to serve on these boards and commissions. This number does not include the General Assembly seats on joint boards that have seat appointments from both the Governor and the General Assembly.

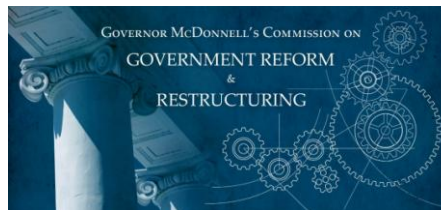
The majority of boards and commissions hold quarterly meetings. Some boards and commissions will meet more or less frequently based on the issues, hearings, or other matters which they handle. 360 board meetings at an average of four times per year equate to 1,440 board meetings per year in the Commonwealth.

Membership requirements for the boards and commissions are set either by Code of Virginia, Federal Code, Interstate Compacts or by the Governor's Executive Order or Executive Directive. Boards and commissions receive staff support by personnel in the state agency affiliated with the board. The Attorney General's Office, in some cases, will send a representative (legal counsel) to board meetings to address any legal issues pertaining to the work of the board or commission.

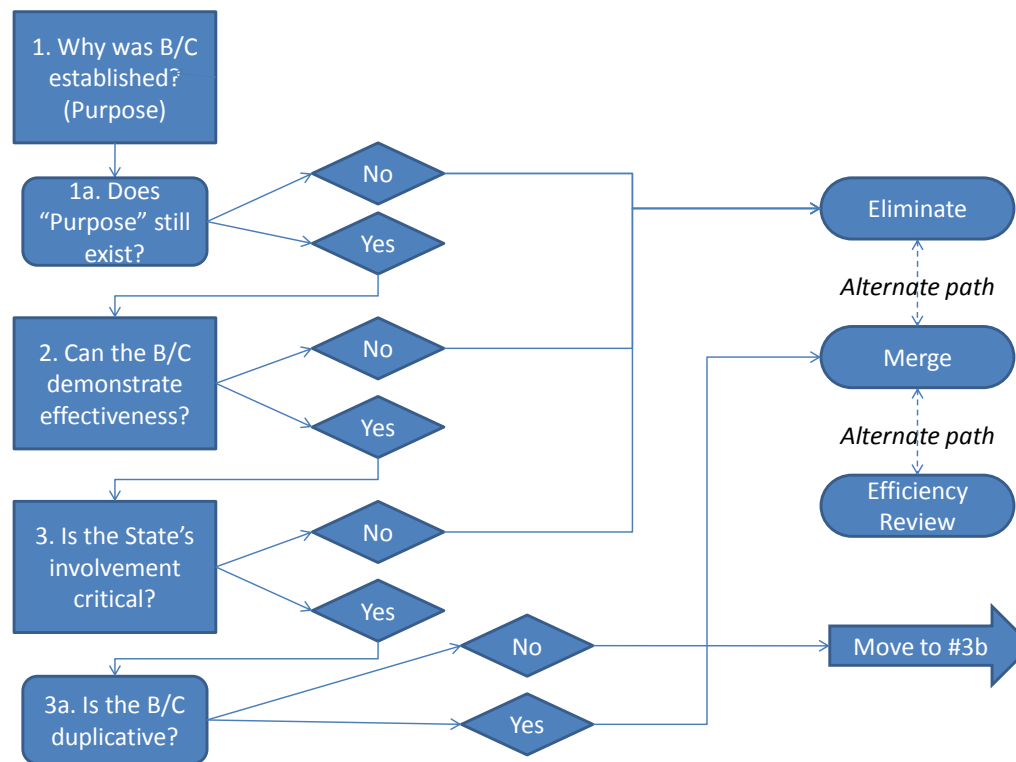
Three full-time staffers, the Secretary of the Commonwealth (SOTC) and the Governor spend significant time on appointments. Many boards have specific, detailed requirements for seats that require significant research time from SOTC staff to find qualified candidates.

In preparation for future recommendations on consolidation and elimination of various boards and commissions, the criteria flow chart for review of boards and commissions should be used.

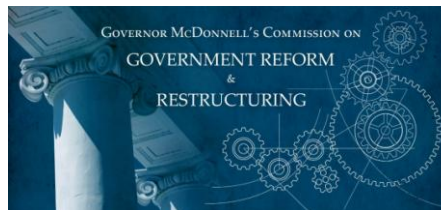
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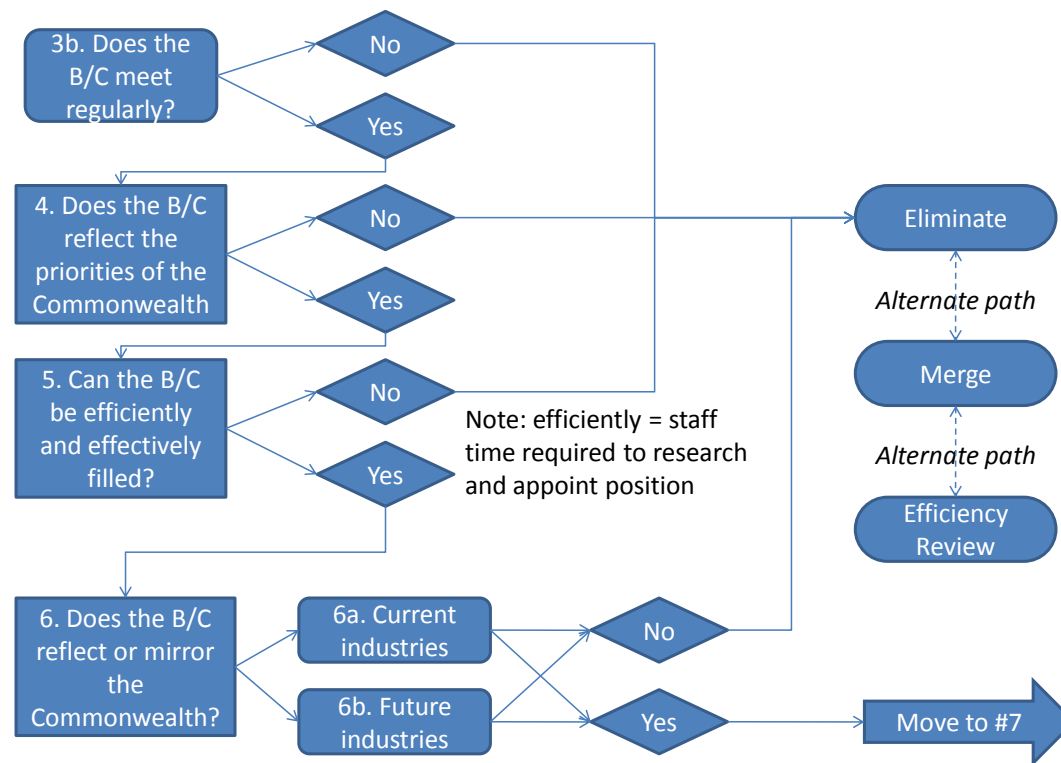


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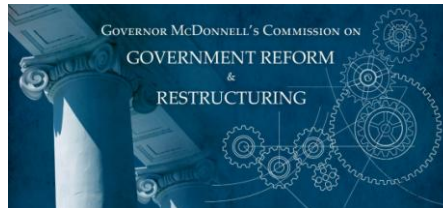


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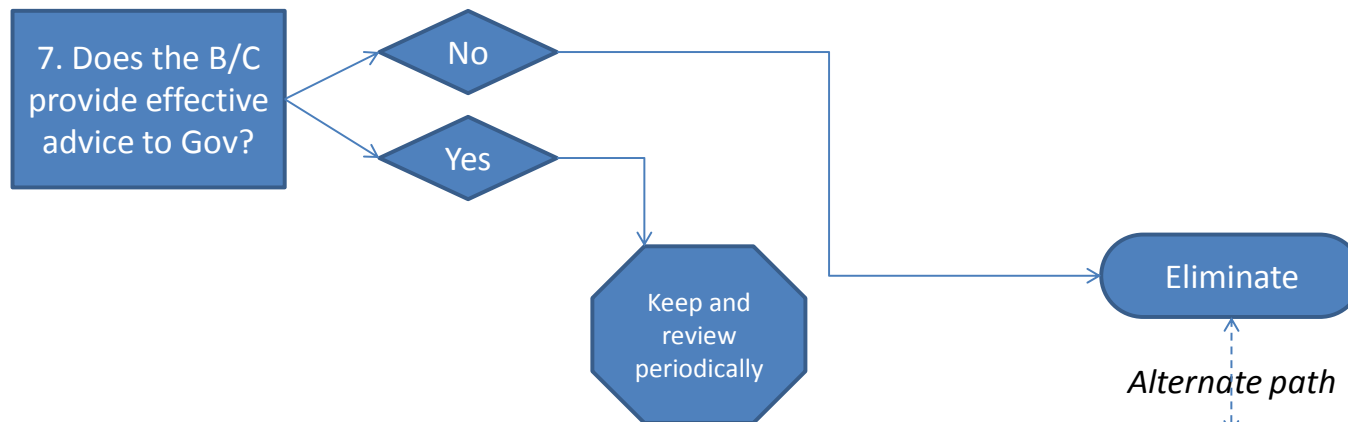


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General Principles:

Advisory

Limit purely advisory B/C to meet current priorities, objectives and challenges of the Commonwealth.

Eliminate unneeded, ineffective or non-active B/C.

Periodically review for the above and cost effectiveness

Policy Making

Ensure function rests with the appropriate body; public policy should generally rest with elected officials.

Eliminate unneeded, ineffective and non-active B/C.

Ensure membership guidelines enable flexibility and cost appropriate.

Periodically review for the general need and effectiveness.

Regulatory

Ensure function is appropriate activity of the state is best suited to perform. Avoid duplicative activities with NGO or business licensing bodies.

Ensure membership guidelines enable flexibility and cost appropriate.

Periodically review for the general need and effectiveness.

Eliminate

Alternate path

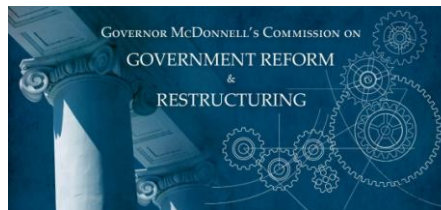
Merge

Alternate path

Efficiency Review

The following
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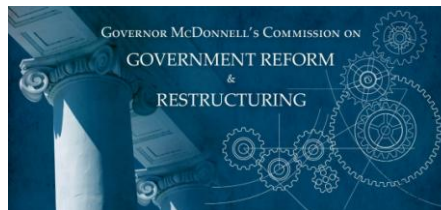


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Recommendations for Consolidation

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Notes</u>
State Air Pollution Control Board, State Water Control Board, and Virginia Waste Management Board	New single Virginia Board of Environmental Quality charged with promulgating the regulations that set standards and requirements for air quality, water quality, and waste management. Assign to the DEQ the responsibility for issuing permits, enforcing regulations and other duties that are not the promulgation of regulations. Establish a nonbinding Environmental Appeals Board to hear administrative appeals and make recommendations on permit decisions made by the Department.
Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, the Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation, and the Cave Board	Consolidate within the Board of Conservation and Recreation
Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board	Consolidate into new Stormwater Management Board
Advisory Board for Child Abuse & Neglect and Family and Children's Trust Fund	FACT Board is responsible for provide for the support and development of services for the prevention and treatment of violence within FAMILIES. Since the FACT scope is broader than that of the Advisory Board for Child Abuse and Neglect, we believe that the merger should be in that direction.
Board of Juvenile Justice	Could be merged with Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, which is required by federal law

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Board for Asbestos, Lead, Mold and Home Inspectors	Consolidate into Board of Contractors
Board of Geology, Board of Professional Soil Scientists and Wetlands Professionals	Merge together
Board of Opticians	Move under Virginia Department of Health Professions
Board of Hearing Aid Specialists	Move under Virginia Department of Health Professions
Center for Rural Virginia	Consolidate into Virginia Department of Business Assistance or Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development
Fair Housing Board	Merge into Real Estate Board.
Real Estate Appraiser Board	Merge into Real Estate Board.
Small Business Advisory Board	Merge into Small Business Commission, which is more effective.
Latino Advisory Board, Virginia-Asian Advisory Board, Virginia-Israel Advisory Board	Consolidate into an international competitiveness council.
Reforestation of Timberlands Board	Merge into Board of Forestry. Funded through three sources: forest industry, the Commonwealth and private landowners. The industry pays into the fund through a self-imposed severance tax when pine timber is harvested. This money is matched with GF. Department of Forestry's field offices run the program.

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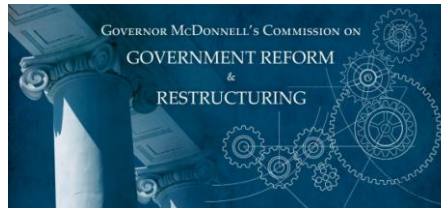
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Seed Potato Board	Consolidate into single Potato Board. The Seed Potato Board establishes standards for seed potatoes but does not have a funding mechanism and its core function could be deemed to fit within the scope of the Potato Board. Potato Board is currently check-off fee funded.
Bright Flue Cured Tobacco Board and Dark-Fired Tobacco Board	Consolidate duties into a single Virginia Tobacco Board. Both are currently check-off fee funded.

Recommendations for Elimination

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council	DEQ could perform these duties
Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board	DEQ could perform these duties
Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation	Duplicative of Foundation Board
Board of Trustees, Chippokes Plantation Farm Foundation	Absorb into the State Park System
Lower James Historic River Advisory Committee	Designation merged into the Virginia Scenic Rivers Act and oversight authority was incorporated into the Virginia Scenic River Board
Foundation for Virginia's Natural Resources	Responsibilities could be merged into the DCR Board
Fort Monroe Historic Preservation Advisory Group	With the appointment of the new Fort Monroe Authority, this group should be eliminated

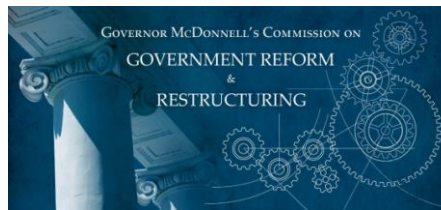
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Child Day Care Council	
Council on the Status of Women	Responsibilities could be incorporated into Governor McDonnell's Working Women Task Force to be formed
Compensation Board	<p>Although there has been strong institutional resistance to any change in the present system, the continued existence of the Compensation Board is an expensive anachronism which can no longer be administratively justified. In reality, the board is currently administering programs that are described by detailed language in the Appropriations Act. The board should be abolished, and a system of formula disbursement of funds reflecting current business practices and needs should be developed to take its place. Formulas are already used today as a means of providing funds to these offices. These funds would be provided to the local treasurer or director of finance and earmarked for use by the appropriate constitutional officer only. The funding to most constitutional offices is intended to cover the costs associated with having to conduct state business, or act as an agent of the state. This mechanism was not intended to provide 100 percent funding to these offices. Local funds should be allocated for those offices providing a local service function as well as conducting state government business.</p>

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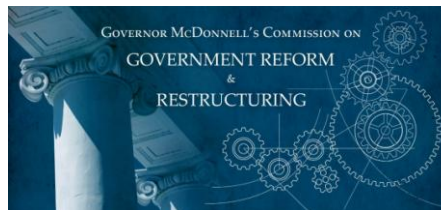


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Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board	This board has not met in the last 12 months.
Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority Board of Directors	We can facilitate this out of the Governor's office allowing cost savings, direction of work by the Governor, and eliminating duplication. Purpose with BRAC is no longer valid.
Citizen-Soldier Support Council	Fold into VMAC.
Maritime Incident Response Advisory Board	Has never been stood up. Could easily eliminate and fold duties into an internal port authority group, or fold under Secure Commonwealth.
State Interoperability Executive Committee	Could eliminate and form as a sub-panel of Secure Commonwealth Panel or Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group which is an internal state and local government working group managed by OCP.
Commission on Civics Education	
Commission on Youth	
Commonwealth Education Roundtable	Initial work has been completed and is no longer necessary.
Public Broadcasting Board	Board costs \$10,000/yr. Funding for grants has been reduced and the program could be consolidated with in the Department to streamline grant processing

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Board of Towing and Recovery Operations	
Medal of Valor Board	Re-tool within Public Safety
Private Security Advisory Board	
Virginia Juvenile Enterprise Committee	
Board of Correctional Education	
Forensic Science Board	
State Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Advisory Council	Has not met since '98/'99 and all terms ran out between '04 and '05
Board of Corrections	
FOIA Advisory Council	Statute already provides for attorney fees and OAG could issue official opinions if needed.
Human Rights Commission	
Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board	
Tourist Train Development Authority	
Board of Surface Mining Review	Replace with internal review process
Virginia Board for Branch Pilots	Deregulate and abolish
Polograph Examiners Advisory Board	Deregulate and abolish
Charitable Gaming	State agency could handle policy and regulatory issues.
Pesticide Control Board	State agency could manage policy and regulatory issues.

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Plant Pollination Advisory Board	VDACS could continue its work with bee keepers, farmers and other stakeholders in Virginia.
Southern Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact Advisory Council	The terms for members expired in 2006
Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission	This has not been filled since 1997.
Committee on Atlantic Rural Exposition, Inc.	This committee is no longer active.
United Nations Day Committee	
State Advisory Council to the National Legal Services Corporation	Inactive since 2000.
Advisory Council on Career & Technical Education	Council has a sunset clause of 7/1/12(Ref: VA Code 30-198)

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